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DURE-007CON2

In re Application of: JOHNSON et al.

Application No.: 10/719,007

Filed: 20 November 2003

For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT

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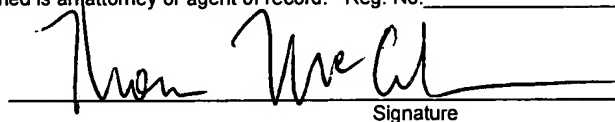
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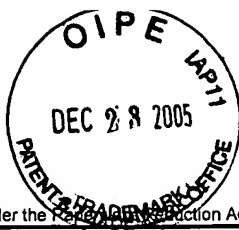
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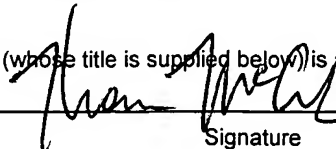
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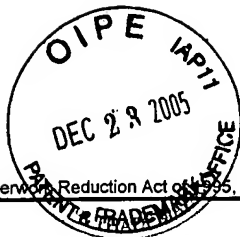
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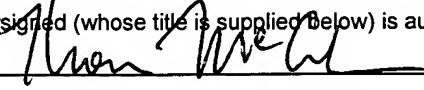
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Attorney Docket Number	DURE-007
First Named Inventor	Johnson, et al.
Application Number	09/522,535
Filing Date	March 10, 2000
Examiner Name	N/A
Group Art Unit	1614
Title	Devices and Methods for Pain Management

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Randolph Mellus Johnson and Felix Theeuwes (hereinafter referred to as the assignors), residing at Half Moon Bay, California and Los Altos Hills, California respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the said assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in Devices and Methods for Pain Management

 X for which an application for a United States Patent was filed on March 10, 2000, Application No. 09/522,535.

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WHEREAS, Durect Corporation a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of California, and having its principal place of business at 10240 Bubb Road, Cupertino, California 95014-4166 (hereinafter referred to as the assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned invention, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, for its own use and behoof and the use and behoof of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, said assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, said assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and the application for Letters Patent above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered and that said assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

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AND said assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to said assignee as the assignee of said invention and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use and behoof of said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

Date 6/6/00

Name of Inventor

Randolph Mellus Johnson

Date

June 6, 00

Name of Inventor

Felix Theeuwes

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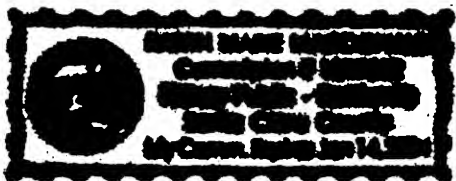
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